

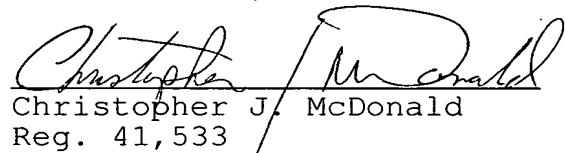
REMARKS

The claims have been amended by cancelling claim 8 and inserting the subject matter into claim 1 and cancelling claim 19 and inserting the subject matter into claim 10. In addition, claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form.

All claims, as amended, are allowable. If any issues remain and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation will resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

No fees are due and owing but the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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